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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR AKINS

REF: ABU DHABI 3168 (NOTAL); KUWAIT 5519

1. AKINS HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT SO WE ARE OFFICIALLY UNINFORMED AS TO PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP INCLUDING ANY RELATIONSHIP HE MAY HAVE WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT. IN RESPONDING TO ANY QUERIES FROM UAEG, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR AKINS DOES NOT SPEAK FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT. YOU MAY ALSO STATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING, BASED UPON TELEPHONE CALL WITH AKINS REPORTED KUWAIT REFTEL, THAT AKINS SAID WHILE HE WOULD BE REPORTING FINDINGS OF HIS TRIP TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER WHEN HE RETURNS, HE IS NOT REPEAT NOT OFFICIAL EMISSARY FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT. POST SHOULD EXTEND NORMAL
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ASSISTANCE AND COURTESIES THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ANY

AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN BUT NOT GO BEYOND THIS.

2. IN HANDLING ANY QUERIES ABOUT AKINS, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT SEVERAL STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN ARAB PRESS TO EFFECT SMALL OIL PRICE INCREASE WOULD BE TOLERABLE EMPHATICALLY DO NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT USG VIEWS. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY

SENT YOU, YOU SHOULD REITERATE THAT THERE IS OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE THAT ANY INCREASE IN PRICE OF OIL AT THIS TIME WOULD ADD TO WORLD INFLATION, HAVE DEPRESSANT EFFECT ON INCIPIENT GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND COMPOUND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS FOR ALL CONCERNED NATIONS WITH POOREST LDCS PARTICULARLY HARD HIT.

3. INFO ADDRESSEES MAY ALSO USE THIS GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO ANY HOST GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES. PRESS INQUIRIES, ON OTHER HAND, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON. ROBINSON

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